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Cy Sulzberger came to see me. He is still involved in the Dedijer affair. Harper Brothers' lawyer, Mrs. Pilpel, is here, [redacted] in communication with Mr. Goodman.

Mr. Novic, [redacted] attending the trade union meeting in Berlin, [redacted] an adviser to USIA, called on me.

I lunched at Carlton Gardens. Lord Home and Lord Dundee were hosts to [redacted] Governor Williams. Mennen Williams has now seen most of the chief officials involved in Commonwealth and Colonial affairs. Home asked E and myself to arrange, if possible, to come and shoot in Scotland with him in early December.

Shepherd Stone called on me this afternoon. He had just spent three days with Jean Monnet in Paris. Jean has not yet done anything about getting the biography started.

Charles E. Rhetts, our newly appointed Ambassador to Liberia, came in. He seems a nice fellow, but has never been to Liberia.

The following telegram is rather indicative of conditions confronting our personnel in many parts of Africa.

We had been asked by Harold Watkinson and his wife to attend the Royal Tournamen tonight at Earl's Court in the Royal Box, with supper after the performance--a white tie and decorations affair. In view of Watkinson having just dropped out of office, I did not know whether he or Thorneycroft would be our host. However, the Watkinsons were there, and seemed in fine spirits. He talked in his usual amiable way, and philosophically about his retirement from the Cabinet. I have always liked him, [redacted]

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The Tournament was a glorious affair, with fine displays of horsemanship, a hair raising performance by daredevil service motorcycle riders, a pageant showing

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Sir Stewart Menzies and his wife, Audrey, came to lunch with us today. Since I have been here this time I have seen him only occasionally at races. He looks in excellent physical shape, and told me he still fox hunted. His position during the war as head of MI6, when I saw him so frequently, was almost unique. He reported practically every day to the Prime Minister. I asked him whether he would write his memoirs. His answer was an emphatic no. I respect his decision, but it will be a loss, for he could have told a picturesque, thrilling story. Of course, it would be difficult to disentangle from any such narrative those matters which should be kept secret. As an illustration, he spoke of an individual engaged in espionage operations during the first World War who wrote an account of them years later. This book, published as I recall it in Australia, was read by the Germans. Certain first World War Belgian Agents were referred to in it. When one of them, a man of singular ingenuity, started up his chain again, he was promptly seized and neutralized by the Germans, as a result of their knowing what role he had previously played.

I saw Dr. Allis, the new NATO Secretary for Scientific Affairs, this afternoon.

Tonight we had a dinner for

Mr. Edwin and Lady Sarah Russell
Sir Solly and Lady Joan Zuckermann
Lady Patricia Ward
Mr. John Russell
Lady Berlin
Mr. Mount
Hon. Michael and Mrs. Astor
Count and Countess Munster
Colonel and Mrs. Phillips
Mrs. Alsop
Mr. and Mrs. Lowman
Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt
Mr. Ray Courtney

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